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illustrates the honorable capacity of the amateur naturalist (we use the term in its best sense, implying high credit, without a shade of the reverse) to supplement museum-acquired learning with other information of equal scientific importance, of greater practical utility, and much more general interest. This is exactly what the present work very conspicuously accomplishes. It will, we make no doubt, meet with a hearty welcome, and have a wide-spread influence for good. For ourselves, engaged as we are upon a general history of North American Mammals, we would thank the author personally for a contribution so timely and so exactly to our hand; we are selfishly pleased to find so generous a slice of the work already cut and dried for our own use.

As already intimated, we do not here propose any elaborate review of the work in detail, and we close with allusion to a few leading points: the prongbuck is very fully treated in the first sixty-five pages; then follow the eight "distinct and well-defined" North American species of *Cervidæ*, namely, the moose, the wapiti or American elk, the two species of reindeer, woodland and barren-ground, the common or Virginian deer, the mule deer (commonly called black-tail in the West), the Columbian or true black-tailed deer of the Pacific slopes, and a curious little species, lately described by the Judge as new, under the name of *Cervus Acapulcensis*. We are not acquainted with the latter; the recognition of the other seven agrees with our previous impressions on the subject, and with the now generally accepted views of the best authorities. These species occupy pp. 66-322. The work very properly continues with a comparison of the several European species. Persons are frequently puzzled by the reverse use of the terms "moose" and "elk." The author makes it perfectly clear that the American *moose* is the analogue of the palmate-horned animal called "elk" in Europe; and that the American *elk* is the analogue of the stag or red deer of Europe. From among the many characteristic wood-cuts which illustrate the volume, we have selected as most useful to reproduce for our readers the four pictures which show up this point. — E. COVES.

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